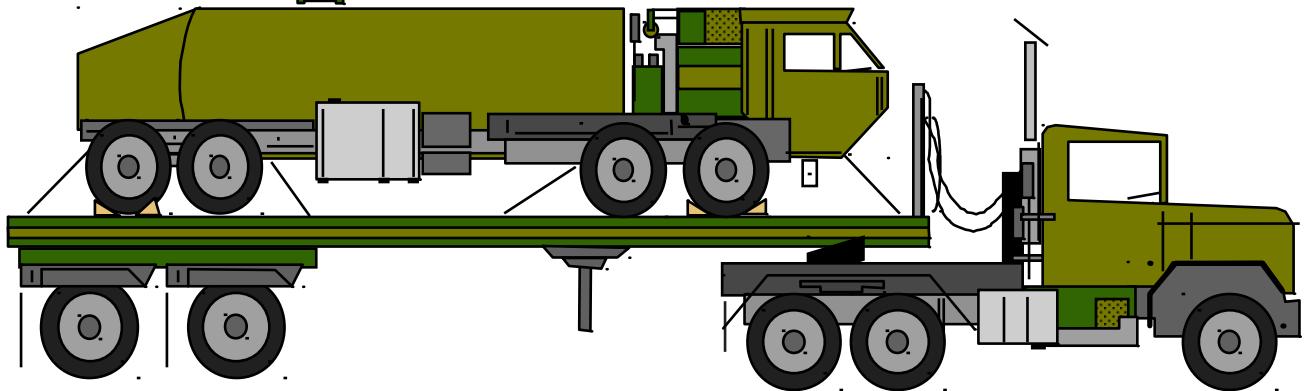


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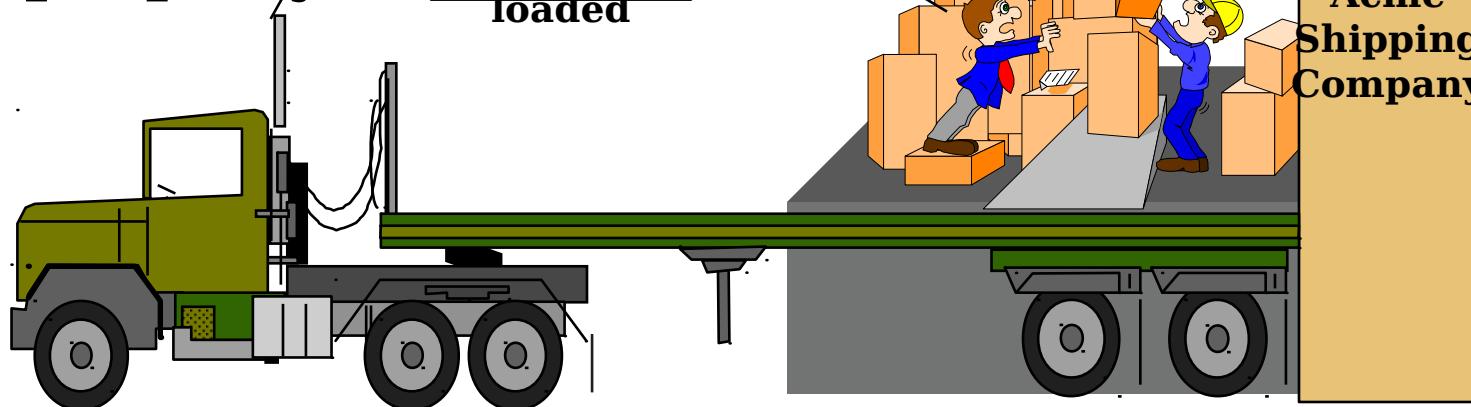


It cannot be transported unless..



..its loaded properly.

**It doesn't
matter
how its
loaded**



Objective



At the completion of this lesson you (the student) will be able to demonstrate the skills and knowledge required in loading and transporting cargo without damage to equipment, the surrounding area or injury to personnel.



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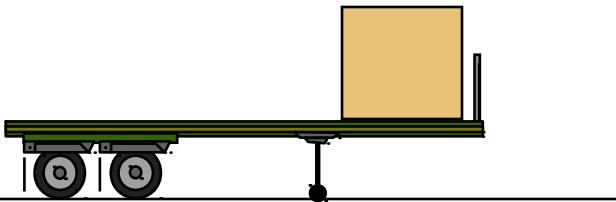
Driver Responsibilities

The driver supervises the loading of his/her vehicle and ensures that his cargo is properly loaded and secured against shifting. He/she further ensures that the load is balanced and does not exceed the vehicle capacity as noted on the data plate. He/she uses a vehicle tarpaulin to protect the load from the weather. Once the driver accepts the load from the shipper, he/she is responsible for its safe delivery. The driver should never move an unsafe load and must resolve any dispute before moving the load.

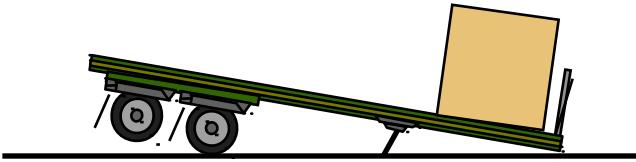


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Weight and Balance

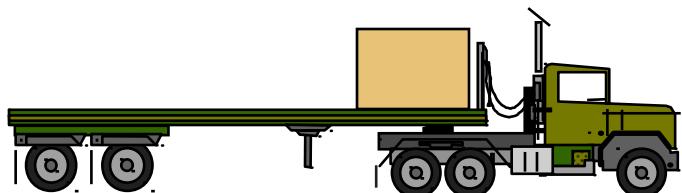


when loaded like this..

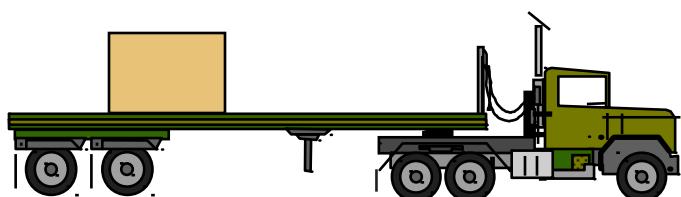


this is the result.

Wrong !



Wrong !



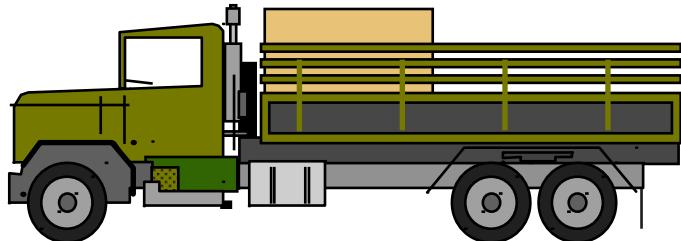
Right !

This overloads and shortens tire life,
bends the truck rear axle housing.
Applying the trailer brakes may lock
the wheels, cause flat spots and skidding.

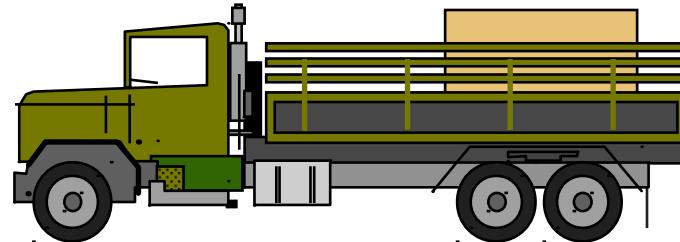
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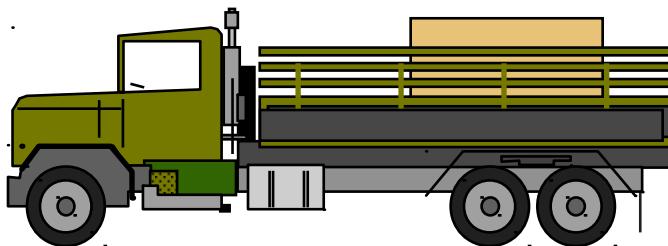


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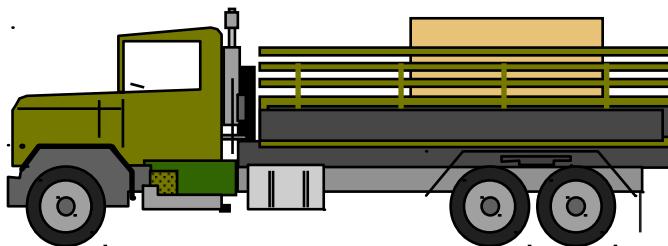


Right !

This will bend the frame, overload rear axle for proper tire loading, make steering hard to keep frame from bending.



Wrong !



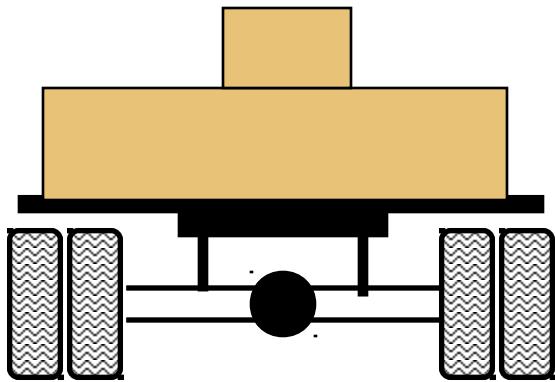
Right !

This kind of weight distribution bends the frame, overloads rear tires, and makes steering almost impossible. Set a concentrated load just ahead of the rear axle with the longest side to the floor, if possible.

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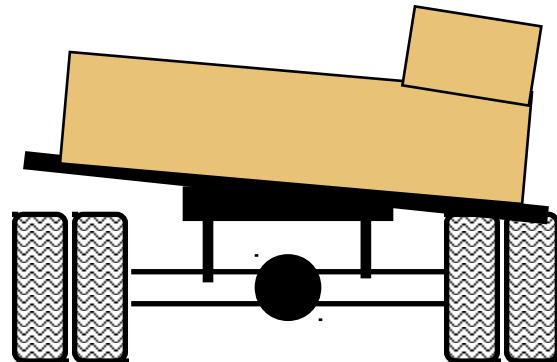


Weight and Balance continued



Right !

**Nothing overloaded.
Frame won't twist and
loosen cross-member rivets.**



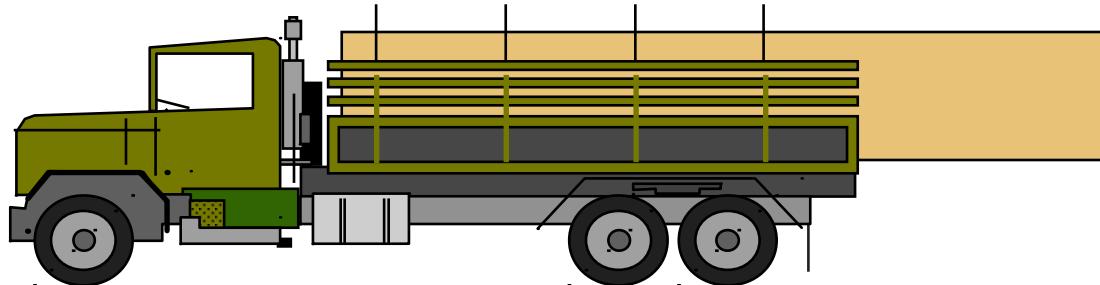
Wrong !

**This overloads one spring and
set of tires. Brakes lock on the
right side, causing skids.**

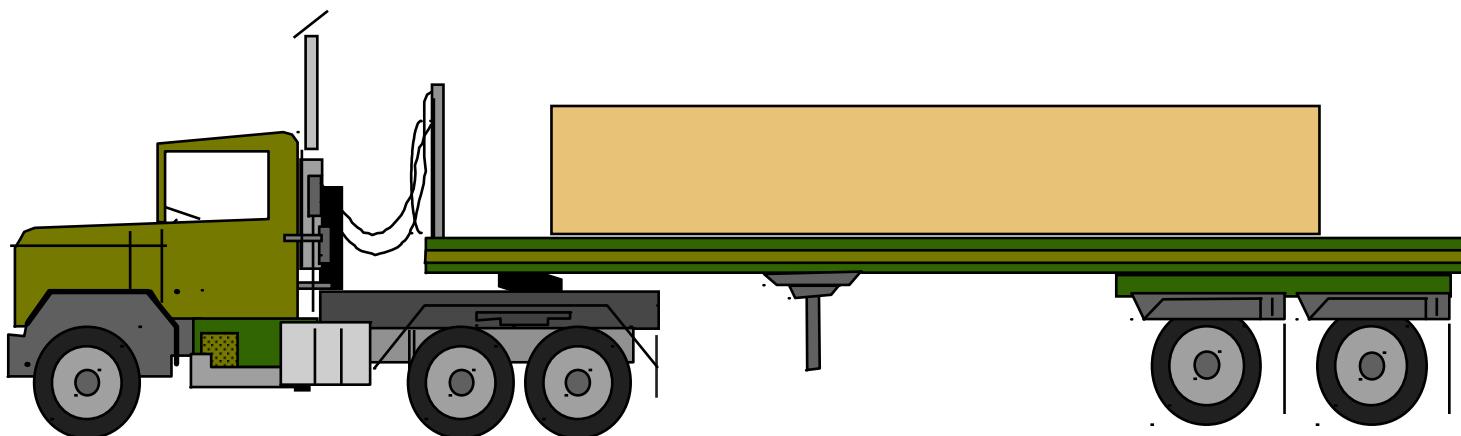
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Choosing the right vehicle



Wrong !



Right !



Definitions

- Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)
- Gross Combination Weight (GCW)
- Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)
- Gross Combination Weight Rating (GCWR)
- Axle weight
- Tire load
- Suspension systems
- Coupling devices - rated for max. weight they pull and/or carry

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Legal Weight Limits



- Keep weights within legal limits.
- Overloading can seriously affect steering, braking, and speed control.
- During bad weather or in mountainous terrain, it may not be safe to operate at legal maximum weight.



Top heavy loads

“High centers of gravity are bad news”

Don't be top heavy !!

- Avoid a high center of gravity.
- Keep the loads as low as possible.

A high center of gravity will increase chances of
rollover when turning.



Securing Cargo

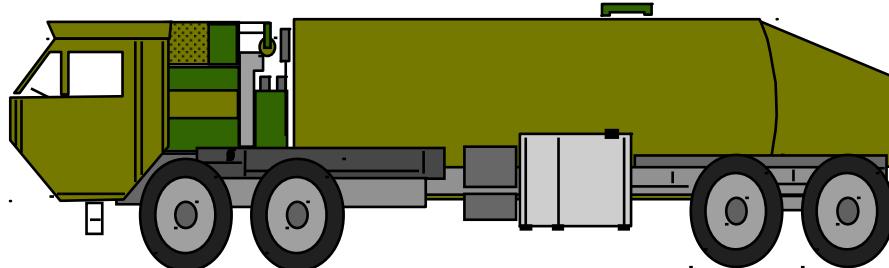
- Blocking
- Bracing
- Cargo tiedown
- Header boards
- Covering cargo
- Sealed and containerized cargo



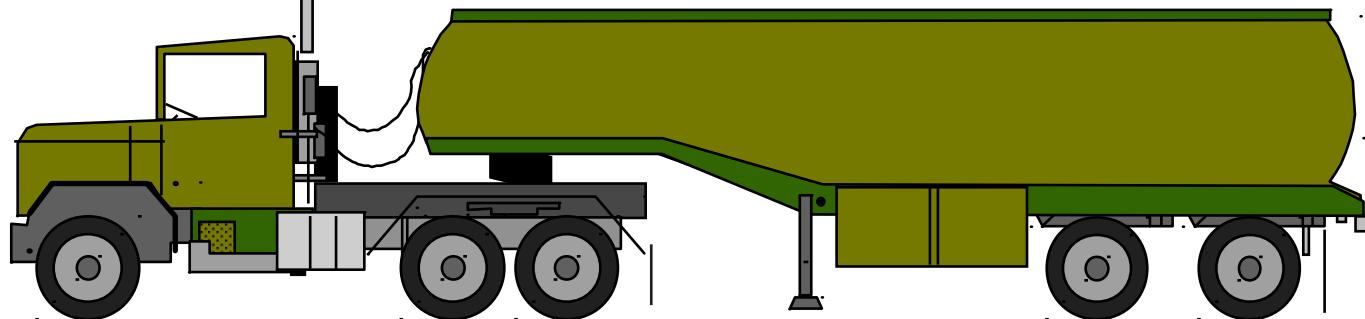
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Tank Vehicles

Used to transport liquid or liquefied gaseous material in a permanently attached tank or a portable attachment having a capacity of 1000 gallons or more



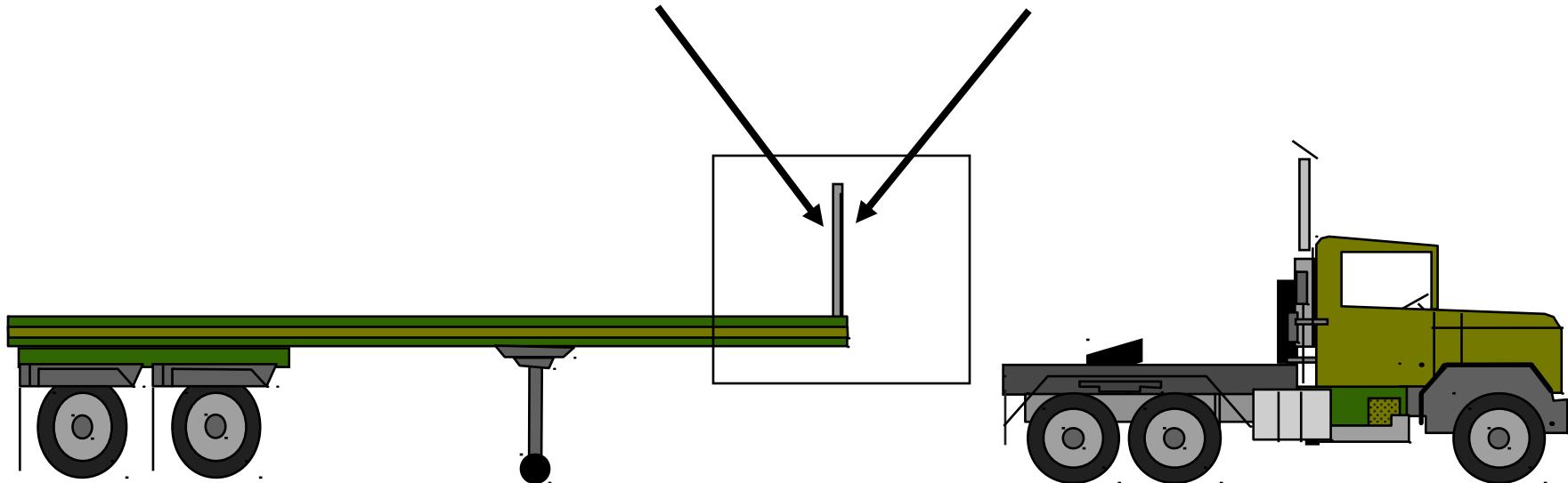
**M978 HEMTT Tanker
(2500 gallon capacity)**



M931 Tractor w/5000 gallon tank semi-trailer



Header Boards ("Headache Racks")



The forward barrier of the trailer is designed to prevent further forward movement of cargo. It is also used to stabilize the cargo during ship



Protecting the Cargo (covering up)

Three basic reasons to protect the load

- To protect people from spilled cargo
- To protect cargo from weather
- To prevent casual observation of sensitive I



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Protecting the Cargo

Monitor cargo covers in the mirrors during travel. covers can tear loose, exposing the load or impedi or the driver and others on the road.

The driver may not be able to inspect sealed loads ensure that the size and weight limits of both the the roadway are not exceeded.

If sensitive cargo is exposed to casual observation could be compromised. Don't give the enemy an e



Cargo needing special attention

Dry bulk

- A high center of gravity can allow the load to shift.
- Be extremely careful taking sharp turns and going through turns.

Oversized loads

- Overlength, overwidth, and over weight loads require special attention.
- Limited driving times.
- Special equipment such as signs and flags may be required.
- Load may require escort vehicles or pilot vehicles, signs and flashing lights.



- ! Driver responsibilities**
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